

## MORRIS DIDN'T ANSWER

"HAPPY JACK" SAID TO HAVE DIED IN KANSAS.

Last Heard of Him Was That He Had Broken Jail at Olathe—J. C. Cruikshank Is on His Bond for \$5,000.

"Happy Jack" Morris, who killed a negro special watchman named Reuben Johnson, did not answer to his name when his case was called in the criminal court yesterday. He was out on \$5,000 bond furnished by J. C. Cruikshank. Morris' attorneys claim that he died in Kansas a few days ago. The last heard of him he had broken jail at Olathe, where he had been arrested on some trivial charge. No news of his death has ever been conveyed to the court and until proof of his demise is received Cruikshank will be held liable on his bond.

Morris was stealing watermelons from a wagon at the market when he was detected by Johnson, a special watchman employed by commission men near the market. Johnson pursued Morris and was deliberately shot to death.

Several other murder cases were set for trial in the criminal court yesterday and one or two continued.

Bill Adler's case was set for March 13. His last murder was that of a negro, William Johnson. He was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary as he was charged with the killing of Ernest Dunlap, a carnival night of 1897, will take place February 27.

Judge Wofford appointed attorneys for Fred Linderman, who killed his sweetheart, Belle McElheney, a few months ago, in a jealous rage.

## IN THE HANDS OF THE MARSHAL

The Stock of the Bankrupt Firm of L. H. Fielding & Co. Will Be Sold at Auction.

The stock of the bankrupt firm of L. H. Fielding & Co. will be sold by the United States marshal at public auction, on the federal court decided yesterday morning.

Attorneys representing the creditors were present for the purpose of urging the appointment of W. A. Powell as trustee, he being the choice of the majority, but the court decided in view of the circumstances surrounding the selection of the trustee, the contest having assumed a tinge of bitterness, to delegate the task of disposing of the goods to the marshal. In discussing the question the court, in declining to declare the course pursued by Reference Crittenden in the selection of the trustee, declared that the assets of the firm, as far as the creditors are concerned, would act for the best interests of all the creditors and in the end the best results would be obtained.

As another inventory is not necessary the goods will be placed on sale at an early day. They will be divided into lots and each lot will be offered for sale separately. If the method is not satisfactory the lots will be bunched and then offered as a bulk proposition. The \$30,000 on hand will be held until the goods are disposed of. Then the assets will be divided pro rata among the creditors.

## FOURTEEN INDICTMENTS.

G. W. Scott, the Much Married Man, Must Answer to the Charge of Bigamy.

The grand jury returned fourteen indictments yesterday. One of the grand jurors stated that the jury's work would possibly be finished by Wednesday, but probably not before Friday.

Ernest Laws, who killed John Logan November 1, was indicted for murder in the first degree. His case was set for trial March 26, in the criminal court. Both Laws and his victim were negroes. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over a game of "craps" at independence.

George Scott, alias E. B. Russell, the much married man who was advised by his lawyer to attempt an escape from Deputy Marshal Kennen and was shot in the arm, was indicted for bigamy.

Other indictments were: For burglary—John Johnson, Henry Moss, H. Wendenberg, John White, David Robinson. For grand larceny—Jack Adams, David Stewart, Charles Mitchell. For forgery—John Hughes, Charles Clark.

## SOME KNOTTY QUESTIONS.

Rival Claimants to Swedish Southwestern Air Their Troubles in Ross' Court.

A case of alleged petit larceny, which seems to involve more than the usual number of questions, was tried before Justice Ross yesterday and was taken under advisement. Axel Excell, until recently manager of the Swedish Southwestern, is the prisoner and a N. B. Olson, who recently foreclosed a mortgage on the paper, are the complaining witnesses. Excell had been employed by Mrs. Charlotte Bergman, of Texas, to run the paper for her. When the mortgage on the paper was foreclosed Excell says he also had claims against the office and answers the charge of the state, that he took from the mail that came to the office after the foreclosure, letters containing money, with the statement that his claim on the money was better than that of the mortgagee. A civil suit on the same question is also pending.

## ATE THEIR PLUNDER.

John Tobin and Leo Cornier, two boys of about 14 years each who were arrested last week on complaints charging burglary, sworn out by Jacob Schmidt, a storekeeper at Thirty-first and Oak streets, were fined \$1 and costs yesterday by Justice Spitz. "The boys ate all their plunder," said the justice, "and it didn't seem right to charge them with a felony for that, so we decided

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## BURNHAM'S BUSY DAY.

Forty-eight Cases Disposed of in Police Court Yesterday—Twenty-two Sent to Workhouse.

The busy day sign was displayed in the police courtroom yesterday morning. It was the largest Monday docket that Judge Burnham has been called upon to dispose of in many months and it was nearly noon before the last case was finished. Sixty-five offenders were taken into custody by police Sunday and Sunday night. Of this number seventeen were discharged and fines ranging from \$2 to \$100 were assessed against the others. Twenty-two of the offenders were unable to pay the fines charged against them and they were sent out to Ben Turner's Flora avenue workhouse.

## Haines Case Continued.

The case of Jack Haines, who shot and killed Charles Watson in a Union avenue saloon Thursday morning, was continued yesterday before Justice Ross. Assistant prosecutor Howell, who will represent the state in the preliminary hearing, has been handling the criminal business for five of the justice court of late, besides other work, at his office, and has been unable to make such preparation for conducting the prosecution as he wishes. At his request the case was set for Friday.

## Held on Charges of Forgery.

William Miller was held to the grand jury by Justice Spitz yesterday on two charges of forgery. Miller or Allen—was arrested about two weeks ago on the complaint of a coal dealer and a grocer, who claimed he had bought goods of them, offering in payment checks purporting to be signed by J. C. Duffy, the undertaker. The checks proved to be bad.

## Court Briefs.

Eighty-five appeal cases from the police court will be called in the criminal court to-day.

Lillie Mallon has brought suit for divorce from James Mallon, on the grounds of adultery.

Pleasant Lawson, who tried to stab Judson M. Biddle a year ago last October, was held to the grand jury on the charge of adultery.

Again the case of Dr. B. C. Hyde, charged with grave robbing, was continued yesterday. It was set for hearing before Justice Spitz yesterday, but on the ground of the absence of the doctor, the case was continued to a later date.

## TEXAS STREET RAILWAYS.

Lathrop Karnes Descends on the Delights of Riding in Galveston Street Cars.

J. L. Karnes, of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, returned yesterday from a ten days' trip in the South, as one of the guests of J. J. Shepherd, superintendent of the Pittsburg & Gulf terminal in this city, and the Local Freight Agents Association.

Mr. Karnes is greatly interested in the street car systems of Galveston and Houston, where the perfect level of the city, and the pleasant ride, make riding on the street cars a pleasure that Kansas Cityans can hardly realize.

"Their lines are all overhead trolleys," he said, "with combination coaches very much like those on our independence line, though they are not so large. They have no occasion to make the windows. They were all being used as open coaches when we were here, and that was the reason of the year. No, I didn't hear any talk about underground trolleys," said Mr. Karnes, laughing.

"That country is too slow for putting anything underground; even their city cars are built above the surface. They have great trouble on the coast with a sea worm, which bores in the piling, and the climate there is so bad that they say that the timbers will last from four to ten days. The air is so bad that it is destructive in salt water, can not live in the fresh. Similar conditions hold with the barkers, who make fresh water, as they cost of drydocking the ships and scraping their bottoms is saved when they are run in the salt water."

He found a Pocketbook.

A pocketbook was found at the Union depot yesterday by Council Grove, Kas., which he promptly turned over to the depot master. It contained a small amount of money and a check on the National Bank of Falls City, Neb., payable to the order of O. T. Goodwin, Marshall, Mo. It will be held for identification by the owner.

## Getting Ready for Concerts.

The work of preparing Convention hall for the great Sousa concert is going ahead rapidly. Work is progressing on the single seating arena boxes from the paper. Architect Hill has the plans and specifications about completed for the stage and the immense sounding board, and the carpenters will begin work on these probably to-day or to-morrow.

Will Talk About Good Roads.

"Good Roads" will be the subject before the Commercial Club to-night, the members being favored with an address on that subject by William H. Morse, of St. Louis, who is president of the State and Interstate Good Roads Association. Several other matters will also be given consideration during the evening.

## The Best of All—

That BURLINGTON ROUTE dining car "Kansas City." Finest meals, china and linen, most courteous attendants, on "The Ed." at 6:30 p. m. for the West. Ticket office, 325 Main street.

## Team and Driver Disappear.

G. W. Ellis, a dairyman at 3438 Troost avenue, reported to the police yesterday that his team, driver and harness, had been placed Sunday morning with a team and wagon belonging to him and has not been seen since. McDonald was to have been back by noon Sunday. His employer is unable to account for his strange conduct. The police were given a description of the missing driver and the team and wagon which he drove off.

## PEOPLE IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. George DeWolfe and children are visiting relatives in Leavenworth.

Mrs. Robert Carey is the guest for the week of Mrs. Sponsler, in St. Joseph.

Mrs. W. W. Morse has returned home, after a visit to Leavenworth friends.

Miss Agnes Doyle, of St. Joseph, is the guest of Mrs. Clarence W. Hastings.

Mrs. Henry F. Leonard and Miss Mary Smith are spending the week with friends in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hope will leave this week for a ten days' visit in St. Louis and Evansville, Ind.

Mrs. Walter M. Jaccard and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hudson have gone to Old Mexico for an extended tour.

Mrs. Clifford Histed and her little daughter, Katherine, of Leavenworth, are visiting Mrs. George Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving W. Bigger and little daughter have gone to Asheville, N. C., to remain a month or six weeks.

Miss Maud Swayard will entertain eighty guests Friday evening in honor of the Society of Literature and History and the alumni.

Miss Ellen Cosgriff, of Atchison, formerly of Kansas City, won the first prize at the declamatory contest in the Atchison high school, last Friday evening.

The women of Beacon Hill Congregational church, assisted by Miss Olive B. Wilson, will entertain their friends with a travesty and farce on Thursday evening, January 28, at 8 o'clock, in Ariel hall, 121 East Twenty-fourth street. The proceeds are to augment the building fund.

Wedding and reception invitations engraved in correct form. Send for samples. Jaccard's, 1032 Main.

## WILL COST \$142,500

PARADE VERDICT FILED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

J. C. Gates and W. W. Kendall Own the Entire Tract—Were Offered \$250,000 but Value It at \$380,000.

The Parade condemnation verdict was returned in Judge Slover's division of the circuit court yesterday. It awards to J. C. Gates and W. W. Kendall \$142,500 for the twenty-three and one-half-acre tract of land bounded by Fifteenth street on the north, Woodland avenue on the east, Flora on the south and the city limits on the west, and a line 125 feet north of the alley north of Eighteenth street on the south. This is at the rate of \$6,043 an acre.

Benefit assessments to the amount of the verdict are levied by the jury upon the 12,000 tracts of land in the South park district. This district is bounded by Fifteenth street on the north, Cleveland avenue on the east, Thirty-first street on the south and Main street on the west.

The highest assessments are in the vicinity of Eighteenth and Euclid, Fifteenth and Grand avenue, Eighteenth and Highland, Eighteenth and Walnut and Nineteenth and Forest. The largest amount assessed against any one lot is \$280, near Euclid and Eighteenth. The greatest majority of the assessments range from \$2 to \$5. In one of the additions farthest from the parade, the assessments per lot ranged as follows: 42 cents, 84 cents, \$1.68, \$3.36, \$6.72, \$10.08, \$13.44, \$16.80, \$20.16, \$23.52, \$26.88, \$30.24, \$33.60, \$36.96, \$40.32, \$43.68, \$47.04, \$50.40, \$53.76, \$57.12, \$60.48, \$63.84, \$67.20, \$70.56, \$73.92, \$77.28, \$80.64, \$84.00, \$87.36, \$90.72, \$94.08, \$97.44, \$100.80, \$104.16, \$107.52, \$110.88, \$114.24, \$117.60, \$120.96, \$124.32, \$127.68, \$131.04, \$134.40, \$137.76, \$141.12, \$144.48, \$147.84, \$151.20, \$154.56, \$157.92, \$161.28, \$164.64, \$168.00, \$171.36, \$174.72, \$178.08, \$181.44, \$184.80, \$188.16, \$191.52, \$194.88, \$198.24, \$201.60, \$204.96, \$208.32, \$211.68, \$215.04, \$218.40, \$221.76, \$225.12, \$228.48, \$231.84, \$235.20, \$238.56, \$241.92, \$245.28, \$248.64, \$252.00, \$255.36, \$258.72, \$262.08, \$265.44, \$268.80, \$272.16, \$275.52, \$278.88, \$282.24, \$285.60, \$288.96, \$292.32, \$295.68, \$299.04, \$302.40, \$305.76, 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## TOOK TOO MUCH MORPHINE.

T. F. Fitzgerald, a Wealthy Stockman of Nevada, Had a Narrow Escape.

T. F. Fitzgerald, a wealthy stockman from Yarrington, Nev., was discovered in an unconscious condition in a room at the Delta house at 1022 Union avenue at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning and Assistant Police Surgeon Mann was summoned to attend him.